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Greetings to Mbombela Rally for Xolani Xhosa

Greetings to all the fighters who have come out today in Mbombela. It is very important that socialists, trade unionists and black freedom fighters have joined in common struggle to beat back the attack of the GNU on comrade Xolani.

This is the kind of united front defence that we are fighting for in Britain, where the Labour government of Keir Starmer has attacked fighters for Palestine and other militants while carrying out austerity against the working class. All this is a desperate attempt to save decaying British imperialism, the old colonial slavemaster.

From Kenya to Nigeria to South Africa, militant youth and other fighters are under the attack of neoliberal governments who answer only to their paymasters, the ones in New York, London and other centres of finance capital. In Britain, there is a special obligation for the British working class to come out in defence of Xolani Xhosa, the Nigerian activists and all the victimised fighters.

Defending these fighters will strengthen British workers in their own struggles against exploitation and oppression. But that course of action is blocked by the top trade-union leaders, who recoil from any action that might upset the Labour government.

United front defence is a starting point for rebuilding the workers movement along the lines of class struggle. Because it's the class struggle, not begging Parliament and the courts, that can win freedom for Xolani. And it's the class struggle that shows the way to finally driving the imperialists out of Africa, once and for all, and to getting rid of rotten British capitalism.

An injury to one is an injury to all! Amandla, awethu!

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